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The Argentine Government informs that, in late 1978, the investigation which led to the arrest of a clandestine group, whose origins date back to 1975, was concluded. The organization, operating within the nation and abusing legal privileges, was gathering security information. The investigation proved that the secret group was composed by several Chileans and one Argentine; these people are now under the jurisdiction of the Federal Justice and a criminal process has already begun.

The Argentine Government refrained from making public comments on the issue taking into account the bilateral dispute with Chile on the Austral Zone, dispute which has been submitted to the Holy See's mediation; in the same manner, the attitude of the Argentine Government was adopted in order not to interfere with the judicial procedure conducted by a Federal Judge.

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Once the Federal Judge issued the order of preventive arrest for the members of the group and once he made the proceedings public, the Argentine Government decided to release this information.

The members of the group are:

Enrique Lautaro ARANCIBIA CLAVEL- Chilean; employed by Chile's State Bank.

Germán VOGEL BLAYA- Chilean; salesman.

Roberto Eladio ACUÑA- Argentine; clerk.

Nicolás Ignacio DIAZ PACHECO- Chilean; Merchant.

Mario IGUALT PEREZ- Chilean; civil engineer.

Jaime Patricio Vicente ARRAU- Chilean; LAN Chile's commercial manager.

Eduardo Segundo DELGADO QUILODRAN- Chilean; LAN Chile's operational manager.

The final decision in this case falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Judiciary, which will take the appropriate measures so as to complete the proceedings.

Through its behavior, with regard to these serious incidents that affect Argentina's international relations, the Argentine Government has once again proven its desire to reach, by means of

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legitimate procedures a solution to its border dispute with Chile.

Argentina's position is a proof of the faith in the rightness of its cause and in its deep gratitude for the Pope's invaluable collaboration.